

June 9, 2010

ITEM NO. B2

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE YOUTH READY CHICAGO PROGRAM, ENTER INTO SUB-GRANTEE AGREEMENTS AND INCREASE THE FY2010 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to accept a grant award from the City of Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services ("DFSS") in the amount of \$218,400, increase the FY 2010 comprehensive budget by \$218,400 and enter into sub-grant agreements with CHA's contracted case management providers in an aggregate amount, not-to-exceed \$218,400 to provide 104 CHA youth and young adults ages 14-24 with job training, skill development and employment opportunities through the Youth Ready Chicago Program.

FUNDING

No Funding Requirements

EXPLANATION

On May 18, 2010, CHA received notice of an award of \$218,400 from DFSS to provide 104 CHA youth with job training, skill development and employment opportunities. CHA will amend up to twelve (12) existing contracts to provide this opportunity through Youth Ready Chicago. Funds from this grant will allow CHA to provide additional summer job programs for CHA youth. The organizations that CHA will partner with currently provide case management services for CHA residents, include:

- Center for New Horizons (Contract No. 9121 for FamilyWorks);
- Employment & Employer Services (Contract No. 9124 for FamilyWorks);
- Heartland Human Care Services (Contract No. 8035 for CabriniWorks and Contract No. 9122 for FamilyWorks);
- Holsten Real Estate Corporation (Contract No. 5164 for Community and Supportive Services);
- Jane Addams Hulls House Association (Contract No. 9125 for FamilyWorks);
- LR ABLA (Contract No. 0663 for Community and Supportive Services);
- Metropolitan Family Services (Contract No. 9123 for FamilyWorks);
- Near West Side Community Development Corporation (Contract No. 8083 for the Horner Engagement Program);
- Stateway Associates (Contract 5059 for Community and Supportive Services);

- The Community Builders (Contract No. 0575 for Community and Supportive Services); and
- Uhlich Children's Advantage Network (Contract No. 9126 for FamilyWorks)

Through the Youth Ready Chicago Program, CHA youth will learn valuable and transferable skills that connect life lessons and academic preparation; enhancing their long-term employment prospects. CHA youth will be engaged in a variety of employment models including, but not limited to, technology, "green" jobs, academic preparedness and job shadowing. CHA will enlist an external vendor to ensure all contractor payrolls are processed accurately and timely.

In 2009, 903 CHA youth had the opportunity to participate in the Youth Ready Chicago Program. Youth had the opportunity to develop essential skills to strengthen their professional development while earning a wage of \$8.00/hour. In 2010, CHA will specifically target youth residing in community areas that are not served by the JobStart program. Participants will receive \$8.25/hour, which will be the State of Illinois minimum wage effective July 1, 2010.

Based upon the foregoing, it is in the best interest of the Chicago Housing Authority to authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to accept a grant award from the City of Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services in the amount of \$218,400, increase the FY 2010 comprehensive budget by \$218,400 and enter into sub-grant agreements with Center for New Horizons, Employment and Employer Services, Heartland Human Care Services, Holsten Real Estate Corporation, Jane Addams Hulls House Association, LR ABLA, Metropolitan Family Services, Near West Side Community Development Corporation, Stateway Associates, The Community Builders, and Uhlich Children's Advantage Network in an aggregate amount, not-to-exceed \$218,400 to provide 104 Chicago Housing Authority youth with job training, skill development and employment opportunities under the Youth Ready Chicago Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-CHA-81

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated June 9, 2010, entitled “RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CITY OF CHICAGO’S DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE YOUTH READY CHICAGO PROGRAM, ENTER INTO SUB-GRANTEE AGREEMENTS AND INCREASE THE FY2010 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to accept a grant award from the City of Chicago’s Department of Family and Support Services in the amount of \$218,400, increase the FY 2010 comprehensive budget by \$218,400 and enter into sub-grant agreements with Center for New Horizons, Employment and Employer Services, Heartland Human Care Services, Holsten Real Estate Corporation, Jane Addams Hulls House Association, LR ABLA, Metropolitan Family Services, Stateway Associates, The Community Builders and Uhlich Children’s Advantage Network in an aggregate amount, not-to-exceed \$218,400 to provide 104 Chicago Housing Authority youth with job training, skill development and employment opportunities under the Youth Ready Chicago Program.

